

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 113
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Diane Spoone on
being named Witt Elementary School Teacher of
the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Diane Spoone of Witt Elementary School is one such estimable educator
who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity;
and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spoone has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at her school,
an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive
influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, all schoolwide Teachers of the Year will furthermore be considered for
recognition on a systemwide basis in three categories: pre-k through grade four, grades five
through eight, and grades nine through twelve; those winners will then be nominated for district
honors; and

WHEREAS, Diane Spoone earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary
Education and Early Childhood from Carson-Newman College and she is pursuing a Master of
Science degree in Reading and curriculum; and

WHEREAS, she serves with acumen and alacrity as a reading specialist at Witt
Elementary School; a twenty year educator, she previously taught third grade; and

WHEREAS, Diane Spoone is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who
works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential; her students and their
families consider themselves tremendously blessed by their association with her; and

WHEREAS, a true leader in her profession, she is the coordinator of Family Reading Night, an activity she initiated four years ago and one which has engendered an air of excitement among all who are involved. Ms. Spoone presented at the Tennessee School Boards Association district meeting in 2004 and at the annual East Tennessee Title 1 Conference in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Diane Spoone serves with distinction as the Chairs of Read Across America and Celebrate Literacy; and

WHEREAS, her extensive professional development includes the 6-Trait Writing Model, Advanced Reading Renaissance, DIBELS, and Four Blocks; she also serves the next generation of educators as a resident teacher for students teachers; and

WHEREAS, she is a devout Christian and a member of Cedar Creek Baptist Church, where she once taught Sunday School, and is now a Vacation Bible School worker and has served as a chaperone for youth trips; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Diane Spoone truly serves as an inspiration to her family, friends, peers, and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Diane Spoone epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Diane Spoone on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Witt Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal dedication to excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.